

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) A method for securely communicating with a server program using a secure hypertext transfer protocol which by default uses a first port number associated therewith, said method practiced in connection with a hypertext transfer protocol which defaults to the use of a second port number associated therewith, said method comprising:
  - (a) configuring the server program so that it listens for requests for secure hypertext transfer protocol sessions on the second port number rather than the first port number;
  - (b) receiving at the server program on the second port number a first data packet in a manner that is consistent with the secure hypertext transfer protocol, except that the request is received on the second port number rather than the first port number;
  - (c) outputting from the server program a response to the first data packet in a manner that is consistent with the secure hypertext transfer protocol, except that the request was received on the second port number rather than the first port number[.];
- wherein the first port number is 443 and the second port number is 80.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A method for operating a web server system comprising:

(a) configuring the web server system to use port 80 for communications using a protocol selected from the group consisting of: secure socket layer, secure sockets layer, SSL, secure hypertext transfer protocol, and HTTPS;

(b) receiving at port 80 at the web server system a first data packet that is formatted in accordance with the protocol; and —

(c) responding to the first data packet with a second data packet that is formatted in accordance with the protocol.

11. (Original) A web server system comprising:

(a) web server software configured to use port 80 for communications using a protocol selected from the group consisting of: secure socket layer, secure sockets layer, SSL, secure hypertext transfer protocol, and HTTPS;

(b) means for receiving at port 80 at the web server system a first data packet that is formatted in accordance with the protocol; and

(c) means for responding to the first data packet with a second data packet that is formatted in accordance with the protocol.